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Some references are in a language other than the English language. A concise explanation of relevance is given below.

DE 4330958

The invention relates to novel microparticles containing active compound, which, additionally to the active compound(s), contain at least one gas or gaseous phase, media (microparticulate systems) containing these particles, their use for the ultrasonically controlled in vivo release of active compound and process for the production of the particles and media.

DE 4403789

The invention relates to the use of coloured NMR, X-ray or possibly dye-containing ultrasonic-image-producing substances for marking bodily tissues.

DE 935625

This reference discloses a biopsy instrument and method for acquiring subcutaneous biopsies and for removing lesions.

FR 2714284

The prosthesis consists of a circular component made from a supple material with a shape memory effect, able to occupy three different positions. In the first position (2) it is extended lengthwise to form a small cylinder which can be introduced through a catheter, with its proximal end closed by a valve (4). In a second position the two compartments (8,10) are inflated separately so that they are deployed on opposite sides of the ruptured wall, while in the third position the compartments are squeezed together to form a double patch on the wall. The prosthesis has a radio-opaque marker (6) between the two compartments which allows its progress through the patient's body to be monitored.

EP 0146699

The implants consisting of contrast body (1) and anchoring body (2) are fixed positionally secure in the bone with the aid of a structure of the anchoring body (2) and thus form, in the bone, immovable reference points for the measurement of X-ray pictures.

WO 98/43090

Especially nodal conditions and tumour size, histological type, degree of differentiation and receptor condition are used nowadays for the prognosis and further planning of patients with carcinoma of the

breast. Emphasis is placed on evaluation of the condition of the axillary lymph node. Patients with a negative axillary lymph node condition generally receive no after-treatment, as their prognosis is better; yet 30 % of these patients suffer relapses. The method proposed by this invention should make it possible to determine the patient's risk of recidivation. In accordance with the invention, the invention makes it possible to predict the further evolution of patients with carcinoma of the breast by means of a qualitative or quantitative determination of T1 protein and/or T1-mRNA in sample material taken from the patients.

WO 98/52616

The invention relates to a pharmaceutical preparation containing at least one particulate, vesicular or polymer diagnostic reagent combined with at least one nonsteroidal antirheumatic agent and/or thrombocyte-agglutination inhibitor. The invention also describes the possibility of improving the concentration and homogeneity of contrast media distribution of particles, vesicles or polymers in pharmaceutical preparations in lymph nodes by combining the particular vesicular or polymer contrast media with non steroidal antirheumatic agents or thrombocyte-agglutination inhibitors. This combination results in an extended residence time in the vascular area (longer blood half time period) so that the use thereof as contrast media in diagnostic representation of the vascular system is also improved. In order to improve the diagnostic value of iron oxides as a result of improved concentration in lymph nodes or extended blood half time periods, it makes little difference if the non-steroidal antirheumatic agent or the thrombocyte-agglutination inhibitor is administered shortly before applying the contrast medium or together with a pharmaceutical preparation. According to the invention, the application can occur in an inverse order.

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